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## Field Crops

Cotton bolls opening is at 50 percent complete, behind last year's 53 percent and the five-year average of 60 percent. Cotton conditions are good to excellent. Harvesting is underway in the Yuma area. Most alfalfa is in fair to good condition. Harvesting is active on over three-fourths of the State's acreage.

## Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped miscellaneous melons this week.

## Range & Pasture

Range and pasture conditions vary from very poor to excellent, depending on location. Toward the end of July only 10 percent was rated at good or excellent. Due to August moisture, 48 percent is currently rated good or excellent.

### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	-	3	48	31	18
Range and Pasture	17	12	23	32	16
Cotton Condition	-	-	7	62	31

### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	50	45	53	60
• Harvested	5	-	7	5

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending September 5, ranging from 7 degrees below normal at Parker to 5 degrees above normal at Marana, Phoenix and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 115 degrees at Yuma. The lowest reading at 33 degrees occurred at Grand

Canyon. Precipitation was recorded in 4 of the 22 stations this week. St. Johns received the least at 0.03 inches of precipitation and Douglas/Bisbee received the most at 1.25 inches of precipitation. Six of the 22 weather stations remain at below normal precipitation to date, mostly in the northern areas of the State.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
August 30, 2010 - September 5, 2010								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	82	3	105	58	0.00	8.78	2.02	130
Buckeye	88	-2	111	64	0.00	6.95	2.31	150
Canyon De Chelly	70	-1	93	45	0.00	8.16	1.92	131
Coolidge	85	2	111	63	0.00	6.47	1.46	129
Douglas	77	2	97	57	1.25	9.16	-0.11	99
Flagstaff	61	1	84	40	0.00	18.94	3.74	125
Grand Canyon	59	4	88	33	0.00	10.33	-3.69	74
Kingman	77	-1	103	53	0.00	4.41	-2.35	65
Marana	88	5	107	70	0.00	7.84	0.19	102
Maricopa	87	2	108	66	0.00	6.18	1.53	133
Paloma	85	-5	108	61	0.00	4.67	0.13	103
Parker	82	-7	107	56	0.00	3.7	0.92	133
Payson	72	2	95	51	0.00	15.88	1.33	109
Phoenix	93	5	111	77	0.00	7.27	2.63	157
Prescott	72	5	94	50	0.00	9.44	-4.33	69
Roll	86	-5	114	60	0.00	3.39	1.45	175
Safford	79	1	99	60	0.00	9.79	3.74	162
St. Johns	70	1	91	46	0.03	6.55	-1.25	84
Tucson	85	3	102	69	0.61	10.21	2.38	130
Willcox	77	3	99	57	0.27	11.83	3.13	136
Winslow	73	2	96	51	0.00	4.96	-0.19	96
Yuma	91	2	115	72	0.00	3.78	1.84	195
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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